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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK GONE BY ... A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS SECTION OF THE IDEAS AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS _____.

NARR:

THE FABRIC OF LEBANON LAY IN SHREDS AND TATTERS THIS WEEK. AFTER YEARS OF CAREFUL WEAVING BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND DIPLOMATS, AND TEDIOUS HAND-STITCHING BY ARABS AND EUROPEANS, THAT FABRIC HAD BEEN ALL BUT UNRAVELLED BY NEARLY A YEAR OF CIVIL WAR, AND ITS DISCARDED STRANDS WERE SEEN TO BE FLOATING OUTWARD FROM THE RIM OF THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. HUNDREDS OF FAMILIES PAID EXHORBITANT PRICES TO FLEE FROM BEIRUT TO SAFE HARBORS -- AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, ONCE THE MAINSTAY OF THE NATION -- CONTINUED TO SEEK OUTLETS IN SAFER TERRITORY. THE REFUGEES LEFT BEHIND A FIERCE BATTLEGROUND, A WAR-TORN REGION WHERE FACTIONS GAVE NO QUARTER -- AND WHERE A ONCE-BEAUTIFUL NATION WAS REDUCED TO RUBBLE. IN AN EFFORT TO END THE FIGHTING, UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM -- ALARMED BY THE CONTINUING HOSTILITIES AND THE DESTRUCTION OF HUMAN LIFE -- SENT A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY CONCIL, WARNING THAT THE FIGHTING COULD ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE. (OPT) MANY RIGHT-WING

CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON, WHO HAD BEEN STEADILY LOSING GROUND TO LEFT-WING MOSLEMS, WELCOMED THE APPARENT DESIRE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO BRING A HALT TO THE FIGHTING. A RIGHT-WING LEADER IN BEIRUT SAID U-N ACTION WOULD TURN ASIDE THE THREAT OF A FULL-SCALE SLAUGHTER OF HIS PEOPLE.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- PHALANGIST -- :14

"WE ARE VERY HAPPY TO SEE THAT SOMEONE IS TAKING CARE OF OUR PROBLEMS, AND THAT, AT LEAST, SOMEONE SHARES THE FEELING THAT WE ARE IN DANGER. WE ARE IN DANGER OF PHYSICAL ELIMINATION." (END OPT)

NARR:

BUT THE CHANCES FOR DECISIVE UNITED NATIONS ACTION IN LEBANON APPEARED REMOTE -- AS PREMIER RASHID KARAMI INSTRUCTED LEBANON'S AMBASSADOR AT THE U-N TO BLOCK EFFORTS TO HOLD A SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON THE MATTER. MISTER KARAMI, PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANJIEH AND OTHER POLITICAL LEADERS VOICED OPPOSITION TO FOREIGN INTERVENTION OF ANY KIND -- AND LEFTIST MOSLEM LEADER KAMAL JUMBLATT WARNED THAT SYRIA, WHICH HAS EXPRESSED GROWING IRRITATION AT THE CONTINUED FIGHTING, HAD GATHERED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND TROOPS AT THE BORDER. BY WEEK'S END, THE THREAT OF SYRIAN ARMED INTERVENTION PLUS THE MEDIATION EFFORTS OF AMERICAN DIPLOMAT L. DEAN BROWN, BROUGHT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A TEN-DAY TRUCE -- A BREAK IN THE FIGHTING ENGINEERED, ACCORDING TO LEFTIST LEADER JUMBLATT, TO PERMIT THE LEBANESE PARLIAMENT TIME TO ALTER THE CONSTITUTION, HOLD AN ELECTION AND REPLACE PRESIDENT SULEIMAN FRANJIEH. SOME OBSERVERS NOTED THAT THE LEBANESE PRESIDENT HAS REPEATEDLY REFUSED DEMANDS FOR HIS RESIGNATION -- A STAND THAT HAS APPEARED TO PROLONG THE FIGHTING ON THE PART OF LEFTISTS WHO

WANT HIM OUT. PRESS REPORTS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT AMBASSADOR BROWN WAS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FRANJIEH AND OTHER CHRISTIAN LEADERS -- AND WOULD ALSO HEAR THE VIEWS OF LEFTIST MOSLEM GROUPS, POSSIBLY INCLUDING THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. BUT WHETHER OR NOT THE AMERICAN MEDIATION EFFORT WOULD BE ANY MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN SIMILAR EFFORTS BY THE FRENCH, THE SYRIANS, THE IRAQIS AND THE VATICAN REMAINED UNCLEAR. (OPT) AS THE DIPLOMATS TRIED TO PUT LEBANON BACK TOGETHER AGAIN, ITS PEOPLE WAITED ANXIOUSLY FOR WORD THAT A FINAL AGREEMENT WOULD SOON BE REACHED -- AND THAT THE FIGHTING WOULD BE ENDED. EVEN THOSE WHO HAD FLED INDICATED A DESIRE TO SEE LEBANON UNIFIED AGAIN -- AND ON CYPRUS, WHERE SOME HAD TAKEN THEIR FAMILIES TO SAFETY, ONE MAN EXPRESSED THE VIEW OF MANY OTHERS, SAYING HE WOULD RETURN TO BEIRUT, TO WORK TOWARD A SOLUTION TO HIS COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS.

TAPE: CUT TWO -- REFUGEE -- :15

"I INTEND TO COME BACK IN A FEW DAYS, AFTER I GET MY WIFE AND CHILDREN OUT. I'M COMING BACK TO LEBANON BECAUSE THAT'S OUR LAND, AND WE SHALL NEVER LEAVE THE LAND THAT'S OURS."

NARR:

THE SEARCH FOR A HOMELAND BY ANOTHER PEOPLE ELSEWHERE IN THE MIDDLE EAST BROUGHT ANOTHER OLD PROBLEM TO THE SURFACE THIS WEEK ... AS ISRAELI ARABS -- "STRANGERS IN THEIR OWN LAND" AS DESCRIBED BY ONE CORRESPONDENT -- RIOTED IN NORTHERN ISRAEL, PROTESTING A GOVERNMENT PLAN THAT WOULD CLAIM HUNDREDS OF HECTARES OF ARAB-OWNED LAND FOR A REGIONAL HOUSING PROJECT. INITIALLY, THE PROTEST TOOK THE FORM OF A GENERAL STRIKE ... BUT DEMONSTRATORS AND POLICE SOON BEGAN EXCHANGING BLOWS, AND AS ROCKS AND FLAMING

KEROSENE BOTTLES LANDED AMONG THE SECURITY FORCES, THEY OPENED FIRE -- KILLING SIX PERSONS AND WOUNDING DOZENS MORE. WHEN IT WAS OVER, BOTH JEWS AND ARABS IN ISRAEL WERE SHOCKED BY THE INTENSITY OF THE CLASH AND THE FRUSTRATION BEHIND IT -- FRUSTRATION, ISRAELI ARAB LEADERS SAID, BORN OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST NON-EUROPEAN, NON-JEWISH CITIZENS OF ISRAEL. COMMUNIST DELEGATES IN THE KNESSET, OR PARLIAMENT, CALLED FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, CHARGING THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS TO BLAME FOR THE RIOTS BECAUSE IT HAD REFUSED THE ARABS A CHANCE TO HOLD A PEACEFUL STRIKE. BUT PREMIER YITZHAK RABIN ACCUSED THE COMMUNISTS OF LIGHTING THE FUSE -- BY INCITING MOBS BOTH INSIDE ISRAEL AND ON THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK OF THE JORDAN RIVER. MISTER RABIN WON THE VOTE OF CONFIDENCE BY A LARGE MARGIN WITH ONLY THE COMMUNISTS DISSENTING -- BUT AT WEEK'S END, ISRAEL'S JEWS WERE MORE AWARE THAN EVER BEFORE OF ISRAEL'S ARABS. AND THE QUESTION WAS BEING HEARD MORE AND MORE WHETHER AN ARAB IN ISRAEL -- EVEN IF HE WAS AN ISRAELI CITIZEN -- COULD EVER ACHIEVE MORE THAN TOKEN STATUS IN ISRAELI SOCIETY.

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IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AREA, CITIZENS AND CANDIDATES PREPARED FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, NOW LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY ... AND INTEREST IN THE ELECTION WAS HEIGHTENED AS ISRAELI AUTHORITIES EXPELLED TWO CANDIDATES, CHARGING THEM WITH INCITING RECENT WEST BANK RIOTS. THE VOLATILE SITUATION IN THAT AREA WAS AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED THIS WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE -- AS JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD TO REVIEW BILATERAL RELATIONS, THE SITUATION IN LEBANON AND PROBLEMS FACING

THE MIDDLE EAST. (OPT) IN AN EXCHANGE OF COMMENTS AT A WHITE HOUSE BANQUET, THE JORDANIAN MONARCH EXPRESSED HOPE FOR PEACE IN HIS PART OF THE WORLD.

TAPE: CUT THREE -- HUSSEIN -- :43

"I BRING WITH ME ON THIS JOURNEY THE EXPECTATIONS OF THE PEOPLE OF JORDAN AND THE ENTIRE AREA -- THAT STEPS CAN BE INITIATED, AND QUICKENED, TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL WHICH HAS ELUDED US FOR MANY MORE YEARS THAN ONE WOULD WISH TO REMEMBER: PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. WE, WHO ENJOY THE COMMON BOND OF FRIENDSHIP, MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO REACH THIS GOAL WHILE IT IS STILL ATTAINABLE."

NARR:

IN RESPONSE, PRESIDENT FORD PLEDGED CONTINUED AMERICAN EFFORTS TO HELP IN RESOLVING THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THE MIDDLE EAST -- A GOAL HE SAID HE SHARES WITH KING HUSSEIN.

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- FORD :39

"WE ARE BOTH VERY CONSCIOUS OF THE MANY VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS THAT MUST BE OVERCOME TO SECURE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE. WE ARE JOINTLY COMMITED TO PERSEVERE IN THE PURSUIT OF PEACE. WE ARE MORE THAN EVER DETERMINED THAT THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS MUST CONTINUE. A SETTLEMENT MUST BE OBTAINED THAT WILL FULFILL THE ASPIRATION OF ALL STATES, AND ALL PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR PEACE, STABILITY AND HUMAN PROGRESS." (END OPT)

NARR:

PRESIDENT FORD'S MEETINGS WITH THE JORDANIAN MONARCH THIS WEEK WERE FOLLOWED BY TALKS BETWEEN THE KING AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THE CABINET.

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ANOTHER MIDDLE EAST LEADER WAS TRAVELING ABROAD THIS WEEK -- AS EGYPT'S PRESIDENT ANWAR SADAT BEGAN A SIX-DAY TRIP TO WEST EUROPE BY HOLDING TALKS IN BONN WITH WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT. THE MEETINGS RESULTED IN A WEST GERMAN GRANT OF NEARLY TWO HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN AID FOR CAIRO, PLUS CREDIT TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF GERMAN GOODS. AND THE EGYPTIAN LEADER SAID HE CAME AWAY FROM THE

TALKS WITH THE FEELING THAT WEST GERMANY MIGHT EVENTUALLY EXTEND RECOGNITION TO THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION. (OPT) SPEAKING AT A LUNCHEON FOLLOWING THEIR TALKS ON THE PALESTINIAN SITUATION, CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT -- WITHOUT MAKING REFERENCE TO THE P-L-O -- SPELLED OUT HIS VIEWS.

TAPE: CUT FIVE -- SCHMIDT -- :44

"I CONSIDER IT TO BE OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE THAT, AS A RESULT OF YOUR POLICY, WE HAVE BECOME MORE APPRECIATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. THIS MATTER, WHICH HAS LONG BEEN NEGLECTED OR REGARDED PURELY AS A REFUGEE PROBLEM, IS TODAY SEEN IN ITS TRUE PROPORTIONS. WE HAVE NO DOUBT -- AND WE SAY SO -- THAT A LASTING SOLUTION TO THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT IS NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE CAN EXERCISE THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS WHICH INCLUDE THE RIGHTS OF SELF-DETERMINATION. AND THAT'S THE RIGHT TO SET UP NATIONAL AUTHORITY OF THEIR OWN IN THE TERRITORY WHICH ISRAEL WOULD HAVE TO VACATE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A PEACE SETTLEMENT."

NARR:

ENDING THREE DAYS OF TALKS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT SADAT SAID WHILE HE BELIEVED THAT BONN WOULD RECOGNIZE THE P-L-O AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS, SUCH A DECISION HAD NOT YET BEEN MADE.

TAPE: CUT SIX -- SADAT IN ARABIC -- FADE AS DESIRED (END OPT)

NARR:

PRESIDENT SADAT SAID ALSO THAT MISTER SCHMIDT HAD MADE PLAIN HIS GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO REFRAIN FROM USING WEST GERMAN TROOPS TO GUARANTEE A MIDDLE EAST PEACE AGREEMENT. AND THE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT NOTED ALSO THAT BECAUSE OF BONN'S RELUCTANCE TO SELL WEAPONS TO A TROUBLED AREA, THE TWO MEN HAD NOT DISCUSSED EGYPT'S DESIRE TO PURCHASE ARMS.

(OPT) THE AMERICAN SALE OF ARMS TO EGYPT WAS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON THIS WEEK -- AS SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ONCE AGAIN URGED CONGRESS TO APPROVE THE SALE OF MILITARY TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT TO CAIRO. SUCH A SALE, HE

SAID, WOULD HELP SUPPORT THE POLICY OF MODERATION BEING PURSUED BY PRESIDENT SADAT. AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE ADDED THAT WASHINGTON SEES MISTER SADAT'S CANCELLATION OF A FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH MOSCOW AS -- IN HIS WORDS -- "A VERY COURAGEOUS DECISION." (END OPT)

REPORTS THIS WEEK TOLD OF A POSSIBLE NEW AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION -- ONE WHICH WOULD PERMIT ON-SITE INSPECTION OF NUCLEAR TESTS MADE FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES. THE GROUNDWORK FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT WAS LAID TWO YEARS AGO, IN TALKS BETWEEN SOVIET PARTY SECRETARY LEONID BREZHNEV AND FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON. AT THE TIME, THE TWO WORLD LEADERS APPROVED A NUCLEAR TESTING TREATY, LIMITING UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY KILOTONS. BUT THEY ALSO AGREED THAT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY WOULD HAVE TO BE LINKED TO THE AGREEMENT ON NON-MILITARY TESTING -- AND DETAILS OF THAT PACT REMAIN TO BE WORKED OUT. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER WAS OPTIMISTIC, HOWEVER, SAYING ALL PROBLEMS COULD BE SOLVED IN A MATTER OF WEEKS.

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TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- KISSINGER -- :29

"NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSION ISSUE HAVE BEEN QUITE SATISFACTORY, AND WE HAVE MADE SOME VERY IMPORTANT BREAKTHROUGHS. BUT THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL ISSUES THAT REMAIN TO BE SETTLED THAT WE THINK WE CAN SETTLE WITHIN THIRTY TO SIXTY DAYS. AND IN THAT INTERVAL, BOTH SIDES ARE NOT GOING TO TEST, AS THEY HAD AGREED TO." (END OPT)

NARR:

FROM MOSCOW, THE SOVIET NEWS AGENCY TASS SAID THURSDAY THAT THE SOVIET UNION DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE ANY ACTION

INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE STILL-TO-BE-COMPLETED TREATY -- AS LONG AS THE UNITED STATES ACTS IN A SIMILAR MANNER.

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THE UNITED STATES DEFENSE POSTURE WAS IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK -- WITH PRESIDENT FORD WARNING CONGRESS NOT TO CUT HIS PROPOSED DEFENSE BUDGET, MISTER FORD'S PRIMARY CHALLENGER FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION CHARGING THAT AMERICA'S DEFENSES HAVE BEEN WEAKENED -- AND SOME COMMENTATORS SUGGESTING THAT THE ISSUE WAS BEING USED SOLELY FOR DOMESTIC POLITICAL PURPOSES. MISTER FORD'S CHALLENGER, FORMER CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR RONALDD REAGAN, MADE A HALF-HOUR ADDRESS OVER N3ATIONWIDE TELEVISION WEDDDDDNESDAY, ITEMIZING THE COUNTRY'S DOMESTIC PROBLEMS -- BUT STIRRING THE GRREATEST CONTROVERSY WITH HHII CRITICISM OF PRESIDENT FORD'S DEFENSE POLICY, AND OF SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER.

TAPE: CUT EIGHT -- REAGAN -- :37

(OPT) "NOW WE MUST ASK IF SOMEONE IS GIVING AWAY OUR OWN FREEDOM. DOCTOR KISSINGER IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT HE THINKS OF THE

UNITED STATES AS ATHENS, AND THE SOVIET UNION AS SPARTA. THE DAY OF THE U-S IS PAST, AND TODAY IS THE DAY OF THE SOVIET UNION. AND HE ADDED, 'MY JOB AS SECRETARY OF STATE IS TO NEGOTIATE THE MOST ACCEPTABLE SECOND-BEST POSITION AVAILABLE.' WELL, I BELIEVE IN THE PEACE OF WHICH MISTER FORD SPEAKS, AS MUCH AS ANY MAN. BUT PEACE DOES NOT COME FROM WEAKNESS OR RETREAT. IT COMES FROM THE RESTORATION OF AMERICAN MILITARY SUPERIORITY."

NARR:

DOCTOR KISSINGER'S TOP AIDE SAID AFTER MISTER REAGAN'S ADDRESS THAT THE COMMENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE HAD NEVER BEEN MADE -- AND THE AIDE SAID MISTER REAGAN'S CONDUCT WAS TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE. (END OPT) PERHAPS ANTICIPATING MISTER REAGAN'S ATTACK -- OR PERHAPS ANTICIPATING RESISTANCE TO HIS DEFENSE PROPOSALS IN THE CONGRESS -- PRESIDENT

FORD THIS WEEK WARNED THE HOUSE AND SENATE THAT HE WOULD VETO ANY DEFENSE SPENDING BILL THAT FELL SHORT OF HIS EXPECTATIONS.

TAPE: CUT NINE -- FORD -- :27

"I WANT TO SERVE NOTICE TODAY, THAT IF CONGRESS SENDS ME A DEFENSE BUDGET THAT SHORT-CHANGES THE FUTURE SAFETY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WILL VETO THAT DEFENSE BILL -- UNPRECEDENTED THOUGH THAT MIGHT BE, AND GO DIRECTLY TO OUR FELLOW CITIZENS, TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTEEN MILLION STRONG, ON THIS LIFE AND DEATH ISSUE."

NARR:

PRESIDENT FORD'S WARNING DREW A SHARP REBUTTAL FROM SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS -- INCLUDING HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN BROCK ADAMS, WHO SAID THAT THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ALREADY HAD THOUSANDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN UNSPENT FUNDS -- BUT THAT EVEN SO, CONGRESS HAD NEVER INTENDED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL DEFENSE CUTS IN THE FIRST PLACE. THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE HOUSE BUDGET COMMITTEE COMPLETED WORK ON THE DEFENSE PROPOSAL -- JOINING THE SENATE BUDGET COMMITTEE IN RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF NEARLY ALL OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REQUESTS. FINAL CONGRESSIONAL ACTION WILL NOT COME FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.

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THE NEW MILITARY GOVERNMENT IN ARGENTINA WAS SWORN IN THIS WEEK -- WITH GENERAL JORGE VIDELA AND AN EIGHT-MEMBER CABINET TAKING OFFICE, IN THE WAKE OF A COUP D-ETAT THAT OUSTED PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELA PERON. SUSPECTED LEFT-WING TERRORISTS LOST NO TIME IN DEMONSTRATING THEIR CONTEMPT FOR THE NEW REGIME, ASSASSINATING A HIGH FEDERAL POLICE OFFICIAL WITHIN HOURS OF THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY ON MONDAY. DURING THE WEEK, OTHER TERRORIST ATTACKS CLAIMED ADDITIONAL LIVES -- AND SECURITY FORCES BEGAN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GUERRILLAS.

AT HIS INAUGURATION WEDNESDAY, PRESIDENT VIDELA PLEDGED HIS COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS -- BUT CALLED FOR SELF-SACRIFICE ON THE PART OF ARGENTINE WORKERS, TO HELP THE NATION RECOVER FROM ITS DISASTROUS ECONOMIC DECLINE. PRECISELY WHAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO DO ABOUT ARGENTINA'S INFLATION RATE OF NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED PERCENT -- AND HOW IT PLANNED TO HANDLE LEFTIST GUERRILLA ELEMENTS -- REMAINED UNCLEAR AT THE WEEKEND.

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JUST AS UNCLEAR THIS WEEK WAS THE FUTUURE OF RHODESIA -- WHERE THE WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT OF PRIME MINISTER IAN SMITH CONTINUED ITS DETERMINED STAND AGAINST BLACK MAJORITY RULE. TALKS ON CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM BETWEEN MISTER SMITH AND THE LEADER OF ONE WING OF THE BLACK NATIONALIST MOVEMENT, JOSHUA NKOMO, HAD BROKEN DOWN THE WEEK BEFORE -- AND DESPITE EFFORTS TO GET THEM STARTED AGAIN, IT APPEARED THE BASIC DISPUTE OVER MAJORITY RULE MIGHT NEVER BE PEACEFULLY RESOLVED. THE PRESIDENT OF NEIGHBORING ZAMBIA, KENNETH KAUNDA, CALLED FOR BRITISH MILITARY INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA TO PREVENT AN ALL-OUT WAR -- AND A LEADER OF THE OTHER NATIONALIST WING, BISHOP ABEL MUZOREWA PREDICTED THE SMITH GOVERNMENT WOULD FALL BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. BY WEEK'S END, LONDON HAD DECLINED THE REQUEST FOR BRITISH MILITARY INTERVENTION -- BUT FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL DAVID ENNALS HAD BEGUN A TRIP THROUGH THE REGION, VISITING TANZANIA AND MOZAMBIQUE. AND, FROM SALISBURY CAME REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER SMITH PLANS TO BRING BLACK RHODESIAN LEADERS INTO HIS CABINET -- BUT NO TIMETABLE WAS ANNOUNCED.

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ANOTHER DIFFICULT PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA -- THAT OF FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA -- WAS DEBATED IN THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL THIS WEEK, WITH DELEGATES PASSING A RESOLUTION HIGHLY CRITICAL OF SOUTH AFRICA FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA, BUT FAILING TO NOTE THE INTERVENTION OF CUBA AND THE SOVIET UNION. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR WILLIAM SCRANTON TOLD THE COUNCIL THAT THIS OMISSION WOULD REQUIRE HIS GOVERNMENT TO ABSTAIN -- A STEP ALSO TAKEN BY BRITAIN, FRANCE, ITALY AND JAPAN. CHINA, WHICH TOOK PART IN THE DEBATE, DID NOT VOTE AT ALL. MISTER SCRANTON SAID THE UNITED STATES APPLAUDS THE WITHDRAWAL OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS FROM ANGOLA -- BUT ALSO DEMANDS THE IMMEDIATE AND COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL OF THE THIRTEEN-THOUSAND-MAN CUBAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.

TAPE: CUT TEN -- SCRANTON -- :50

(OPT) "JUST AS THE END TO SOUTH AFRICA'S WRONGFUL INTERVENTION IS VERY WELCOME, SO THE CONTINUING SOVIET AND CUBAN INTERVENTION IS WRONG. WRONG, BECAUSE IT DEPRIVES THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE OF THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE SELF-DETERMINATION FREELY, UNCOERCED BY FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION. WRONG, BECAUSE OF ITS MASSIVE SIZE -- SOVIET AID TO ANGOLA IN 'SEVENTY-FIVE AND EARLY 'SEVENTY-SIX FAR EXCEEDED THE ENTIRE AMOUNT OF MILITARY AID TO SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA FROM ALL SOURCES IN NINETEEN SEVENTY-FOUR. WRONG, BECAUSE IT CAN NO LONGER RE RELATED TO ANY OF THE ALLEGED PURPOSES IT PRETENDED TO SERVE. AND WRONG, BECAUSE OF ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE IN AFRICA, AND ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD." (END OPT)

NARR:

THE SOVIET DELEGATE RECONCILED DETENTE AND MOSCOW'S ANGOLA POLICY BY SAYING THE LESSENING OF INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS DID NOT MEAN FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY FOR AGGRESSORS OR NEO-COLONIALISTS -- WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY, UGANDAN PRESIDENT IDI AMIN, DEFENDED SOVIET AND CUBAN INVOLVEMENT, SAYING CUBAN TROOPS HAD BEEN SENT TO ANGOLA AT THE SPECIFIC REQUEST OF WHAT HE CALLED ANGOLA'S LEGITIMATE LEADERS. AND

CUBAN AMBASSADOR RICARDO ALARCON CHARGED THAT UNITED STATES CRITICISM WAS ALL BUT NULLIFIED BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD. (OPT) THE CUBAN DELEGATE, SPEAKING THROUGH A U.N. INTERPRETER, SAID:

TAPE: CUT ELEVEN -- ALARCON -- :56

"A FEW MOMENTS AGO THE SECURITY COUNCIL HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OF HEARING THE VOICE OF THE DELEGATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT MIGHT HAVE GIVEN US THE IMPRESSION THAT WE WERE HEARING THE REPRESENTATIVE OF A STATE WHICH HAS NO EXPERIENCE WHATSOEVER IN THE SENDING OF TROOPS ABROAD, AND IN ACTIVITIES OF INTERFERENCE THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. I FRANKLY FEEL THAT IT IS VERY LATE FOR ME OR FOR ANY REPRESENTATIVE TO TRY TO DEMONSTRATE THE OBVIOUS -- FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO AREAS EVEN CLOSER TO THE UNITED STATES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY HAS BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY A POLICY OF INTERFERENCE AND AGGRESSION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD." (END OPT)

NARR:

FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION, WHICH CONDEMNED SOUTH AFRICA AND DEMANDED PAYMENTS FOR DAMAGES CAUSED BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS, PRIME MINISTER JOHN VOORSTER SAID HIS GOVERNMENT REJECTED THE U-N ACTION, AND WOULD REFUSE TO HONOR ITS DEMANDS. ALSO THIS WEEK, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCED A FORTY-TWO PERCENT INCREASE IN ITS DEFENSE BUDGET -- SO THAT, IN THE WORDS OF SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENSE MINISTER OWEN HORWOOD, THOSE DEFENDING THE COUNTRY'S BORDERS "WILL HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE EQUIPMENT WITH WHICH TO DETER ANY POSSIBLE ENEMY." AND SO...CONFRONTATION AND TENSION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, LONG A PART OF THAT REGION'S POLITICAL CLIMATE, WAS EVEN MORE EVIDENT AS THE WEEK DREW TO A CLOSE.

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FINALLY THIS WEEK...MILLIONS OF AMERICANS STEPPED THROUGH THE LOOKING-GLASS -- TO READ AGAIN WITH MIXED EMOTIONS OF ONE OF

THE MOST PAINFUL PERIODS IN UNITED STATES HISTORY -- THAT PERIOD LEADING UP TO THE RESIGNATION OF FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON. THE FINAL DAYS ARE REPORTED IN A BOOK BY THE SAME NAME, WRITTEN BY THE TWO WASHINGTON POST REPORTERS -- BOB WOODWARD AND CARL BERNSTEIN -- WHO ARE GIVEN MUCH OF THE CREDIT FOR EXPOSING THE CRIMES OF WATERGATE. AND THE PICTURE THEY PAINT OF MISTER NIXON IS DEVASTATING -- A MAN, DRIVEN BY THE GROWING SCANDAL TO EXCESSIVE DRINKING, FITS OF EMOTION AND LONG PERIODS OF DEPRESSION, MARKED BY WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL BUT HIS CLOSEST FRIENDS. HENRY KISSINGER, THE AUTHORS SAY, WAS WORRIED THROUGHOUT THE NIXON PRESIDENCY -- BUT PARTICULARLY CONCERNED AT THE END, THAT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE MIGHT JEOPARDIZE AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY ACHIEVEMENTS IN HIS FRANTIC EFFORTS TO REGAIN DOMESTIC SUPPORT. AT ONE POINT, THE BOOK SAYS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE SECRET SERVICE BECAME WORRIED THAT MISTER NIXON MIGHT TRY TO COMMIT SUICIDE.

WHILE AUTHOR WOODWARD AND BERSTEIN INSIST THAT THEY HAD AT LEAST TWO SOURCES FOR MOST OF THEIR STATEMENTS, THE BOOK WAS SHARPLY CRITICIZED BY FORMER NIXON AIDES AS BOTH INACCURATE AND CRUEL. PRESIDENT FORD DISPUTED CLAIMS THAT MISTER NIXON HAD ENDANGERED THE COUNTRY -- AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE SAID THE BOOK CONTAINED "TOO MUCH GOSSIP, TOO MANY INACCURACIES, DISTORTIONS AND MISREPRESENTATIONS TO BE DEALT WITH." IN SEPARATE BUT EQUALLY BITTER NEWSPAPER COLUMNS, FORMER NIXON AIDES PATRICK BUCHANAN AND WILLIAM SAFIRE CALLED THE BOOK "VITRIOL" AND "RAW SEWAGE", AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT BUCHANAN CALLED "TOILET-BOWL JOURNALISM." BUT ANOTHER COLUMNIST -- ROD MACLEISH -- NOTED THAT NO ONE IN THE FORMER NIXON ADMINISTRATION HAD SO FAR REFUTED THE BOOKS' CLAIMS POINT-BY-POINT. AND HE

NOTED ALSO THAT IF THE REVELATIONSOF THE TORTURED CLIMAX TO WATERGATE AND NIXON'S PRESIDENCY HAD MERIT, IT LAY IN THE ADMONITION OF SANTAYANA --- THAT THE PURPOSE OF HISTORY "IS TO KNOW THE PAST -- SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO RELIVE IT."

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(OPT) AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE TOP STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS ----------. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT ----------, WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS OF "THIS WEEK." (END OPT)

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